AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Complete Listing of the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. 14. (Cancelled).
- 15. (Cancelled).
- 16. 17. (Cancelled).
- 18. (Previously Presented) A compound as defined by Formula I:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} R_6 & Z & X & R_3 & R_4 \\ \hline R_5 & R_8 & R_2 & \end{array}$$

Formula I

in which;

 R_1 and R_2 are the same or different and independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_{10} alkyl, C_1 - C_{10} substituted alkyl, C_2 - C_{10} alkenyl, C_2 - C_{10} alkynyl, C_1 - C_{10} alkoxy, C_1 - C_{10} alkenoxy, C_1 - C_{10} alkynoxy, C_1 - C_{10} alkylthio, C_1 - C_{10} alkenylthio, C_1 - C_{10} alkylthio, C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphone, C_1 - C_{10} alkenylsulphone, C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphone, C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkenylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkylarylsulphone, C_6 - C_{10} arylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkylarylsulphone,

C1- C_{10} alkylarylsulphoxide, C_6 - C_{10} aryl, or C_5 - C_{20} heteroaryl, optionally substituted with 0, 1, 2 or 3 groups of R^a which groups may be the same or different; or R_1 and R_2 may together form a C_3 - C_{10} cycloalkyl group;

 R_3 and R_4 are the same or different and independently selected from hydrogen, halogen, C_1 - C_{20} alkyl, C_3 - C_7 cycloalkyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 alkenyl, C_2 - C_4 alkynyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkenoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkynylthio, C_1 - C_4 alkynoxy, C_1 - C_4 alkylthio, C_1 - C_4 alkenylthio, C_1 - C_4 alkynylthio C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphone, C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphone, C_1 - C_{10} alkylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkynylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkylarylsulphoxide, C_1 - C_{10} alkylarylthio, C_1 - C_{10} alkylarylsulphone, C_1 - C_{10} alkylarylsulphoxide, C_6 - C_{15} aryl, C_5 - C_{20} heteroaryl optionally substituted with 0, 1, 2 or 3 groups of R^a which groups may be the same or different; or can together form a keto group;

R₅ is chosen from nitro, cyano, -CH₂CN, -COMe, or -SO₂CH₃;

 R_6 is chosen from the group consisting of; hydrogen, C_1-C_5 alkyl, halogen, CN, CO_2H , CHF_2 , CH_2F or CF_3 ;

 R_8 is chosen from the group consisting of; hydrogen, C_1-C_5 alkyl, halogen, CHF_2 , CH_2F or CF_3 ;

X is -NH-;

Y is chosen from hydroxy, or $-NH(C_1-C_{10} \text{ heteroaryl});$

Z is chosen from CR7 or N;

 R_7 is H or C_1-C_5 alkyl;

 R^a represents a member selected from: hydrogen, halogen, -CN, OH, CO_2H , CHO, NO_2 , -NH₂, -NH(C_1-C_4); $N(C_1-C_4)_2$, -NH(C_6 aryl), -N(C_6 aryl)₂, -NH(C_5-C_{10} heteroaryl), and -N(C_5-C_{10} heteroaryl)₂; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

with the proviso that the compound is not one of:

$$\stackrel{NC}{\overbrace{\hspace{1.2cm}}} \stackrel{H}{\overbrace{\hspace{1.2cm}}} \stackrel{OH}{}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{D} \\ \text{N} \\ \text{O}_2 \text{N} \end{array}$$
 OH

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
H & C_2H_5 \\
N & OH
\end{array}$$

$$O_2N$$

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wherein A is -CN or -NO $_2$, B is -CN, -NO $_2$ or -SO $_2$ CH $_3$, and D is hydrogen or methyl.

- 19. (Original) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R₁ or/and R₂ are H, (S)-methyl, methyl, (R)-ethyl, (S)-ethyl, ethyl, (R)-propyl, (S)-propyl, propyl, (S)-butyl, S-1-methyl-propyl, S-2-methyl-propyl, (R)-isopropyl, (S)-isopropyl, isopropyl, cyclopentyl, -(CH₂)₂SMe, (R)-CH₂SCH₂Ph, (S)-benzyl, 4-chloro-benzyl, (S)-3-methyl-1-H-indole or (S)-phenyl.
- 20. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R_3 is chosen from the group consisting of hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, phenyl, 3-hydroxy phenyl, 4-hydroxy phenyl, or forms a keto group together with R_4 .
- 21. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R_4 is H, methyl, or forms a keto group together with R_3 .
- 22. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R_5 is NO_2 , CN, or CH_2CN .

- 23. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R_6 is Me or CF_3 .
- 24. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R_7 is H or Me.
- 25. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R_8 is H or methyl.
- 26. (Cancelled)
- 27. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein Y is -OH.
- 28. (Cancelled)
- 29. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein the compound is chosen from the group consisting of:
 - 2-Methyl-2-(4-nitro-3-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-propan-1-o1;
 - [1-(4-Nitro-3-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-cyclopentyl]-methanol
 - (S)-2-(4-Nitro-3-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-3-phenyl-propan-1-o1;
 - (S)-2-(4-Nitro-3-trifluoromethyl-phenylamino)-butan-1-o1; 2-Methyl-2-(3-hydroxy-4-nitro-phenylamino)-propan-1-o1;
 - [1-(3-Methyl-4-nitro-phenylamino)-cyclopentyl]-methanol;
 - (S)-2-(3-Methyl-4-nitro-phenylamino)-butan-1-o1;
 - 2-Methyl-2-(6-methyl-5-nitro-pyridine-2-ylamino)-propan-1-o1;

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[1-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-pyridine-2-ylamino)-cyclopentyl]-
methanol;
(S)-2-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2ylamino) 2-phenyl-ethanol;
(S)-2-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-pyridine-2-ylamino)-3-phenyl-
propan-1-o1;
(S)-2-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-butan-1-o1;
(DL)-3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-(6-methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-
ylamino) -propan-1-o1;
(S)-2-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-2-pyridin-2-ylamino)-propionic
acid:
(S)-2-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-propan-1-o1;
2-(2,3-Dimethyl-4-nitro-phenylamino)-2-methyl-propan-1-o1;
(S) -2-(3,5-Dimethyl-4-nitro-phenylamino) -butan-1-o1;
4-(2-Hydroxy-1,1-dimethyl-ethylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-
benzonitrile;
4-(1-Hydroxymethyl-cyclopentylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-
benzonitrile;
(S)-4-(1-Hydroxymethyl-cyclopentylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-
benzonitrile;
(R)-4-(1-Hydroxymethyl-butylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-
benzonitrile;
(S)-4-(1-Hydroxymethyl-butylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-
benzonitrile;
[4-((S)-1-Hydroxymethyl-butylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-
phenyl]-acetonitrile;
[4-((R)-1- Hydroxymethyl-butylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-
phenyl]-acetonitrile;
[4-((S)-1- Hydroxymethyl-3-methyl-butylamino)-2-
trifluoromethyl-phenyl]-acetonitrile;
4-(2-Hydroxy-1,1-dimethyl-ethylamino)-2-methyl-
benzonitrile;
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6-(2-Hydroxy-1,1-dimethyl-ethylamino)-2-methylnicotinonitrile; 4-(2-Hydroxy-1,1-dimethyl-ethylamino)-2,3-dimethylbenzonitrile;

and compounds having the formula:

$$R_6$$
 Z R_9 O_2N

in which R_9 , R_6 and Z are as defined in the following table:

R9	R6	Z
H N _{II} OH	CF ₃	СН
HO HN	CF ₃	СН
H XN OH	CF ₃	СН
HO	CF ₃	СН
HO	CF ₃	СН
HO	CF ₃	СН
HN————————————————————————————————————	CF₃	СН
HO H N X	CF ₃	СН

R9	R6	Z
H XN OH	CF₃	СН
HO HN	CF ₃	СН
S NH	CF ₃	СН
OH NH	CF₃	СН
SNH	CF ₃	СН
NH NH	CF₃	СН
HO	CF ₃	СН
HO HO	CF₃	СН

R9	R6	Z
O N N N H	CF ₃	СН
H N _m , OH	СН₃	N
HO HN	CH₃	N
H · N OH	CH ₃	N
HO	CH₃	N
HO	CH₃	N
HO	CH₃	N
HN————————————————————————————————————	CH ₃	N

R9	R6	Z
H XN OH	CH₃	N
OH NH	CH₃	N
HO E	CH₃	N
NH OH	CH₃	N
S OH	CH ₃	N
OH NH	CH₃	N
SNH	CH₃	N
NH NH	CH₃	N
OH H	CH₃	N

R9	R6	Z
HO HN	СН3	N
H N _{II} OH	CH ₃	СН
HO HN	CH₃	СН
H N OH	CH ₃	СН
HO	CH₃	СН
HO HN	CH ₃	СН
HO	CH ₃	СН
HN————————————————————————————————————	CH ₃	СН
NH OH	CH₃	СН

R9	R6	Z
S NH	СН3	СН
NH OH	CH₃	СН
NH NH	CH ₃	СН
HO HN	CH₃	СН
H N N	CH ₃	СН
O N N N N H	CH ₃	СН

2-Methyl-N-(6-methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-yl amino)-propan-2-ol;

4-((R)-2-Hydroxy-1-methyl-ethylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile

4-((R)-1-Furan-2-ylmethyl-2-hydroxy-ethylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile

- (R)-3-Furan-2-yl-2-(6-methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-propan-1-ol
- 2-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-heptan-1-o1
- 3-Cyclopentyl-2-(6-methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-propan-1-o1
- [1-(4-Methanesulfonyl-3-methyl-phenylamino)-cyclopentyl]-methanol
- 2,2-Dimethyl-3-(6-methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-propan-1-o1
- 2, 2-Dimethyl-3-(3-methyl-4-nitro-phenylamino)-propan-1-o1 4-((R)-1-Benzylsulfanylmethyl-2-hydroxy-ethylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile
- (R)-2-(6-Methyl-5-nitro-pyridin-2-ylamino)-3-phenylmethanesulfinyl-propan-1-o1
- 4-((R)-2-Hydroxy-1-phenylmethanesulfinylmethyl-ethylamino)-2-trifluoromethyl-benzonitrile
- [1-(4-Nitro-phenylamino)-cyclopentyl]-methanol
- (S)-2-(4-Nitro-phenylamino)-pentan-1-o1
- [1-(2-Bromo-4-nitro-phenylamino)-cyclopentyl]-methanol
- (S)-2-(2-Bromo-4-nitro-phenylamino)-pentan-1-o1
- (S) -2-(2-Bromo-4-nitro-phenylamino) -4-methyl-pentan-1-o1
- 30. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein R_1 or R_2 is a C_6-C_{10} arythic comprising an arylsubstituted sulfur-containing C_1-C_{10} alkyl group.
- 31. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 18, wherein in R_1 or R_2 the alkylsulfur is substituted with a C_6 aryl group.
- 32 43. (Cancelled)

44. (New) A pharmaceutical composition containing a compound according to claim 18.